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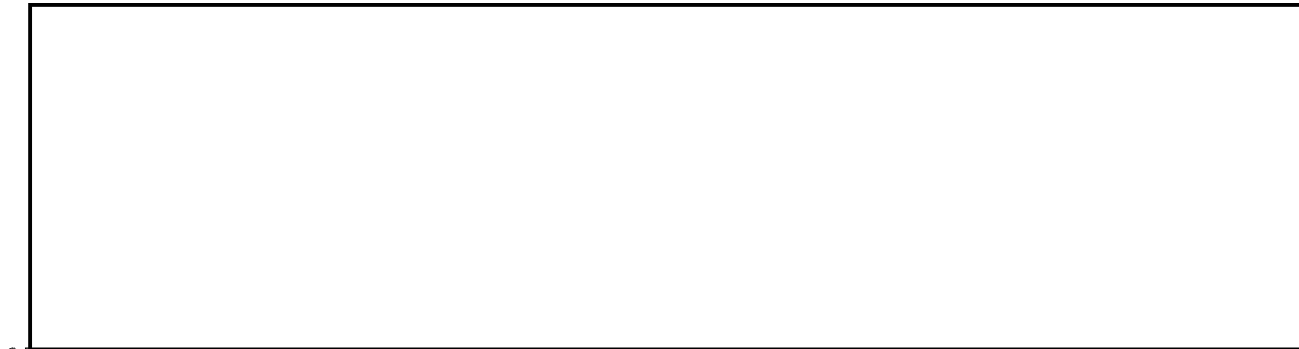
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2. [REDACTED] Informed Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, of the above, explaining that we were following well-established ground rules under which we would be of course prepared to brief Senator Symington himself, as a member of our oversight Committee, on the matters in question but could not discuss them with staff investigators of the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Braswell said he thought our position was reasonable and clear and saw no need to alert Senator Stennis.

3. [REDACTED] On the Director's instructions, I met with Senator John Sherman Cooper, just returned from travel in the Middle East and Europe (Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Cairo, Athens, Vienna), and said we would like to have him visit the Agency for a lunch or breakfast and share his observations with some of our specialists. He said he had little new to contribute regarding Israel, but had several interesting conversations in Cairo and Athens and found grounds for cautious optimism regarding the SALT talks in Vienna. He accepted our invitation and said he would call me next week to arrange a breakfast visit.

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4. [] JGO) In response to his request, I met with Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who was exploring various possibilities for new approaches to gathering information for Committee use to upgrade the standard procedures of the witness/hearing format of Committee operation. Among other topics he was particularly interested in the hearings in 1969 of Senate Foreign Relations Committee into the psychological aspects of conduct of relations with other nations. I suggested to Mr. Berdes that any investigations along these lines should be directed to the various area desks in the Department of State. No further action by the Agency is required.

5. [] JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and scheduled a meeting with him for Colonel White at 10:30 a.m. Monday, 17 January. He inquired whether anything definitive is known yet concerning a possible successor to General Cushman and asked that I provide him with whatever information we have on General Walters who has been prominently mentioned in the press. Mr. Preston told me that the Chairman has not designated a successor to Representative Andrews, who died over the holidays, and noted in passing that the Chairman has considered possible changes in the operation of the CIA Subcommittee. No changes appear to be imminent, however. As for the question of inclusion of a line item in the published budget setting forth the annual appropriation to the CIA, it is Mr. Preston's judgment that if it were to happen, the item would be set forth in the Department of Defense Appropriation bill and that matters concerning the Agency would continue to be handled in the general context of the Defense Subcommittee. I briefed Mr. Preston on the new type Soviet silos.

6. [] - GLC) [] CRS, called to check with us on an organization known as "Leisure Media." Information available to [] indicated that this organization might be involved in showing some film on China to a "joint session of the Congress." [] is inclined to doubt the accuracy of this information. I told him that we knew nothing of such an organization nor were we aware of any plans for a joint session of Congress on this subject. I pointed out, however, that this information could be garbled and could have some reference to a meeting of a joint committee of Congress such as the Joint Economic Committee which is concerned with various aspects of the economic picture in Communist China.

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